



Volume 23

An ARCEC Monthly Publication

October 2014

Counterpoise Editor - Sue Robins AF6LJ

Dual Presentations at the October Meeting

By Sue Robins AF6LJ, Pictures by Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ, and Sue Robins AF6LJ

The September ARCEC meeting began with a pair of presentations by Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ and Sue Robins AF6LJ. Both presentations were a last minute fill in due to a change in scheduled meeting presentations. Pat's presentation was a review of September's club activities. Both the club picnic and the convention were mentioned. The club's valuable participation and contribution



To the ARRL Southwestern Convention's special events station were of key interest.

Sue Robins AF6LJ gave a presentation on the process of rehabilitating a 50 year old Swan 350 and turning it into a daily use radio. Sue covered the aspects of finding, and repairing a used power supply and covered reasons why someone wouldn't want to homebrew one. Issues relating to the radio itself were covered, and what sets this, the first in a long line of medium priced



transceivers built by Swan set it apart from the rest in that line.

Also in September ARCEC member Dave Ward KD6DW took part in Radio Merit badge training for the Boy Scouts, ARCEC members participate in this event as often as it is held. The event not only gives the Scouts a chance to earn another merit badge but exposes them to amateur radio, good work Dave.





In Retrospect

By Sue Robins AF6LJ

A second look at the events at the ARRL Southwestern Convention DX Breakfast

After my article on the ARRL Southwestern Convention made it to the web we, the ARCEC board, received some email on the subject. One in particular caught my attention and that of the board. The email provided many facts about what had gone on that I and others would not have known, and therefore has caused myself and the board to take a second look at the article and what was contained therein.

One of the items of particular interest was that the speaker was informed of the need for the projector at 9:00AM. The reason for this had to do with the loss of one of the other projectors. Neither myself or many of the audience knew this about the events that led to the removal of the projector and that this lack of information led to the change in tone of the article I wrote. This is a good example of where a few carefully placed questions in advance of the article would have been in order.

You can tell more about a group, a person, and a whole country for that matter on how they handle their mistakes and if they take ownership of their mistakes as I do here, and use them as a learning experience and move on. This is what I have always endeavored to do in my life, and in my work.

The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark Wardwell KB6PJU has been running a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF repeater. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Next Month's Meeting

November brings us Officer and Board of Directors nominations. Elections will be held in December at the annual Christmas Party on December 11th.

November also brings our annual homebrew contest, feel free to submit this year's project you have been working on. The contest includes both homebrew and kit projects. As a part of the November meeting Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ will be giving a presentation on his Heathkit HA-14 restoration, and the construction of the AC power supply for the HA-14, Pat calls it the HP-240. Hope to see you there.



ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



Club Happenings

This coming November 8th HRO is holding a Swap meet and Ham Radio Day event, at this time the start and end times are not known check with HRO and the, WA6BGS website for more information as it comes available.

This coming December 13th a Saturday there will be a Operating Day event at Fry's Electronics in the parking lot, stay tuned for more information. Thank You Pat WA6MHZ for passing that along.

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each. You can get a 2013 Field Day shirt or the standard club shirt, both styles of shirts have the club logo on the back and the left side.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.



Extra Class License Course Offered

The Lakeside ARC (LARC) is sponsoring and Gordon Shackelford, AE6QW, will be conducting an Extra Class Course in 6 sessions over a three week period in October: Tuesday Oct 14th & Thursday Oct 16th, Tuesday Oct 21st & Thursday Oct 23rd, Tuesday Oct 28th & Thursday Oct 30th. The classes will meet from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Lakeside Fire Annex, adjacent to River Park Fire Administration Building located at, 12192 Lakeside Ave, Lakeside, CA.

There is no charge for the class, but all participants must obtain the necessary study text, "The ARRL Extra Class License Manual, Tenth Edition" before the class begins. Arrangements will be made with SANDARC to conduct an exam for the FCC Extra class license as soon as possible upon course completion. Those persons interested in attending this free class, please contact Bill Zears, W6SAN, at W6SAN@cox.net to secure a spot on the class roster.

Club Membership & Dues

Club dues and new memberships can now be paid online. The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon website wa6bgs.us has been updated to accept membership dues, and new members. The link is at the top of the page, just follow the instructions on the Join / Renew page. Our website is a work in progress and there will be more good things to follow in the months ahead, so visit often.



The **AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON**^{Inc.}
WA6BGS

Post Office Box Fifty, El Cajon California 92022

Founded 1960 ~ Incorporated 1976

Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: ___ / ___ / ___

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Cash Check Check # _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$20/year) Family* (\$35/year)

Membership Status: New Renewal Returning Member

Call Sign First Name _____ Last Name _____

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member: Yes No

License Class: Technician General Extra Other

Email Address (required) _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

**Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

Submitting this form:

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
P.O. Box 50
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at www.wa6bgs.us which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.

YOUR DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE: Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, Inc. Is a 501 C 7 Corporation. Donations are NOT tax deductible.

Email address and phone number are to allow club officers to contact members regarding club business and information of interest.

JEB